Population 1917

More Negroes in New York Than in Any Southern City

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Philadelphia Ranks Second in Negro Population and New Orleans Third—Birmingham Is Fourth and Atlanta Fifth

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Washington, January 17.—(Special.) It is a familiar saying that the city of New York numbers among its population—or did at the outbreak of the European war—more Irishmen than the City of Dublin, more Germans than the city of Munich, and more Frenchmen than inhabited Bordeaux.

Figures just made public by the bureau of the census show there were also more negroes in New York on July 1, 1916, than there were in any city of the south. New York then had 116,842 colored citizens, according to the census estimates. Philadelphia had 99,224, and there were in continental United States a total of 10,903,537 negroes.

The population of Georgia, numbering 2,856,065, was divided into 1,431,802 whites and 1,177,319 colored. The larger part of the negro population in Georgia live in the open country. In the eleven towns having a population exceeding 8,000 there were 463,931 negroes.

The southern city having the largest negro population is New Orleans, with 96,909. Next comes Birmingham, with 67,829; and third in the list is Atlanta, with 59,063.

Abundant material for the economist and ethnologist to speculate upon is supplied in the following figures giving the census bureau's estimates of population as of July 1 last:

Municipality.	—Population— White.	Colored.
New Orleans	274,838	96,909
Louisville	196,984	41,926
Memphis	94,875	54,120
Nashville	81,014	36,043
Chattanooga	36,706	23,369
Knoxville	30,860	7,816
Charleston	29,980	30,754
Columbia	19,878	14,733
Dallas	100,516	24,011
Ft. Worth	84,723	19,839
Houston	79,015	33,292
San Antonio	110,997	12,834
Charlotte	27,064	12,759
Raleigh	12,815	7,312
Durham	15,347	9,714
Winston-Salem	18,661	12,494
Birmingham	113,933	67,829
Mobile	32,511	25,710

The only city in the above list where the negroes outnumber the whites is in Charleston, S. C.

The white and colored population in Georgia cities as shown by the enumeration of 1910, and also in estimates for 1916, is given in the following table:

Municipality. Georgia.	Population: Census, April 15, 1910. White.	Colored.	——1916—— White.	Colored.
Albany	3,375	4,815	4,492	6,113
Americus	3,487	4,576	3,785	4,520
Athens	8,593	6,320	10,816	7,030
Atlanta	102,861	51,978	131,495	59,063
Augusta	22,648	18,392	27,584	22,661
Brunswick	4,608	5,574	5,061	5,811
Columbus	12,902	7,652	16,757	9,193
Macon	22,510	18,155	26,192	19,575
Rome	8,337	3,762	10,083	5,037
Savannah	31,784	33,280	33,884	34,921
Waycross	7,754	6,731	10,728	9,141

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